

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The recording/reproducing device according to claim 1 A recording/reproducing device comprising:~~

recording means for recording data on an information recording medium;

readout means for collectively reading out said data recorded on said information recording medium in units of a predetermined amount of data while the recording by said recording means is in progress; and

transmission means for transmitting said data read out by said readout means,

wherein:

    said recording means substantially simultaneously records first data at a high bit rate and second data at a lower bit rate than that of said first data, both data corresponding to a same material, on said information recording medium; and

    said readout means collectively reads out said second data recorded on said information recording medium in units of a predetermined amount of data while the recording by said recording means is in progress.

3. (Currently amended) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 2-4,  
wherein said recording means intermittently records said first data and said second data on a  
physically same track on said information recording medium.

4-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A recording/reproducing device comprising:

a disc drive configured to record information onto an information recording medium  
while reading first and second data from said information recording medium, said information read  
from said information recording medium becoming said first and second data.

17. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 16, wherein said  
information recording medium is an optical disc.

18. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 16, wherein a signal is  
encoded into high bit-rate encoded data and low bit-rate encoded data, said high and low bit-rate  
encoded data becoming said information.

19. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 18, wherein said low  
bit-rate encoded data is transmitted while recording said information onto said information  
recording medium.

20. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 18, wherein said low bit-rate encoded data is compared with said second data, said low bit-rate encoded data being recorded onto said information recording medium if said low bit-rate encoded data is not identical to said second data.

21. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 20, wherein said disc drive includes a pickup, a location of said pickup being moved if said low bit-rate encoded data is not identical to said second data.

22. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 18, wherein said high bit-rate encoded data and said low bit-rate encoded data are intermittently recorded along a same track of said information recording medium.

23. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 18, wherein a bit rate of said low bit-rate encoded data is lower than a bit rate of said high bit-rate encoded data.

24. (New) The recording/reproducing device according to claim 16, wherein a bit rate of said second data is lower than a bit rate of said first data.

25. (New) A recording/reproducing method comprising:

recording information onto an information recording medium while reading first and second data from said information recording medium, said information read from said information recording medium becoming said first and second data.

26. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 25, further comprising:

encoding a signal into high bit-rate encoded data and low bit-rate encoded data, said high and low bit-rate encoded data becoming said information.

27. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 26, further comprising:

transmitting said low bit-rate encoded data while recording said information onto said information recording medium.

28. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 26, further comprising:

comparing said low bit-rate encoded data with said second data, and thereafter;

recording said low bit-rate encoded data onto said information recording medium if said low bit-rate encoded data is not identical to said second data.

29. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 28, further comprising:  
moving a location of a pickup being if said low bit-rate encoded data is not identical to  
said second data, said disc drive including said pickup.

30. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 26, wherein said high  
bit-rate encoded data and said low bit-rate encoded data are intermittently recorded along a same  
track of said information recording medium.

31. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 26, wherein a bit rate  
of said low bit-rate encoded data is lower than a bit rate of said high bit-rate encoded data.

32. (New) The recording/reproducing method according to claim 25, wherein a bit rate  
of said second data is lower than a bit rate of said first data.

33. (New) A computer program product embodied in a tangible non-transitory computer  
readable medium, the computer program product being configured to perform the method of claim  
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